

CHAPTER 25.

CITY AND TOWN LOTS.

AN ACT to Provide that Lands to be laid out into Town or City Lots, shall be free from Incumbrance, and that the same when thus laid out shall be accurately described relative to some established Corner of the Congressional Division of which they are part. [Additional to Code, Title IV., Chapter 12 "Of Plats."] H. F. 89.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That whenever any person or corporation shall lay out any parcel of land into town or city lots in accordance with chapter 12, title 4 of the code, such person shall procure from the county treasurer a certified statement that the land thus laid out into lots, streets, and alleys is free from taxes, and such proprietor shall also procure a certified statement from the recorder of deeds, that the title in fee to said land is in such proprietor and that the same is free from every incumbrance; which certified statements shall both be filed with the recorder of deeds before the plat of the said town or city lots shall be admitted to record or of any validity.

Persons laying out land into town-plats to procure certificates that they are free from incumbrance; Code: title iv., ch. 12.

To be filed with county recorder.

SEC. 2. The record and plat of every town, city, or addition thereto which may be thus laid out, shall give the bearing and distance from some corner of a lot or block in said town or city or part thereof to some corner of the congressional division of which said town or city or addition thereto is a part.

Record and plat to show bearing and distance from government corner.

Approved March 18, 1874.

CHAPTER 26.

CARE OF INSANE PATIENTS.

AN ACT to Amend Section 1433 of the Code of 1873 [Title XI., Chapter 2: "Of the Care of the Insane"]. H. F. 286.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That the words "Nor their relations" in the third line of section 1433 of the code of 1873, and the words "Or from any person legally bound for their support" in the sixth and seventh lines of said section, and all after the word "Stated" in the eleventh line of said section are hereby stricken out and said section be amended so that it shall read as follows, to-wit:

Code: § 1433 amended. Relatives released from liability for care of insane patients.

"Section 1433. The provisions herein made, for the support of the insane at public charge, shall not be construed to release the estates of such persons from liability for their support, and the auditors of the several counties, subject to direction of the board of supervisors, are authorized and empowered to collect from the property of such patients any sums paid by the county in their behalf as herein provided; and the certificate from the

Estates of insane patients liable for their support.

Board of supervisors may release estates, when.

Publication clause.

superintendent and the notice from the auditor of state, stating the sums charged in such cases, shall be presumptive evidence of the correctness of the sums so stated. If the board of supervisors in the case of any insane patient, who has been supported at the expense of the county, shall deem it a hardship to charge the estate of any such patient with such cost of supporting the patient, they may relieve such estate or estates from any part or all of such burden as may seem to them reasonable and just."

SEC. 2. This act being deemed of immediate importance shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication according to law in *The Daily State Register* and the *Daily Iowa State Leader*, newspapers published at Des Moines, Iowa.

I hereby certify that the foregoing act was published, at Des Moines, in *The Iowa Daily State Leader* April 1, and in *The Daily Iowa State Register* April 3, 1874.

JOSIAH T. YOUNG, Secretary of State.

CHAPTER 27.

SCHOOL-DISTRICT OFFICERS.

H. F. 125.

AN ACT to Repeal Sections 1721 and 1802, of Chapter 9, Title XII., of the Code, ["Of the System of Common Schools,"] and to Enact Substitutes therefor.

Code. §§ 1721 and 1802 repealed, and substitutes passed.

Sub-directors constitute board of directors.

Secretary and treasurer to be elected in September, and to enter upon duties within ten days thereafter.

Organization of independent districts.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa :

SECTION 1. That sections 1721 and 1802 of chapter 9, of title 12, of the code be and the same are hereby repealed and the following enacted in lieu thereof, to-wit:

"Section 1721. The subdirectors of the several subdistricts shall constitute a board of directors for the district-township, and shall enter upon their duties upon the day fixed for the regular meeting of the board in March, at which time they shall organize by electing from their own number a president, who shall simply be entitled to a vote as a member of the board, and from the district-township at large, at their regular meeting on the third Monday of September in each year, a secretary and treasurer, unless there are at least five subdirectors in the district-township, in which case they may be selected from the board; and said secretary and treasurer thus elected shall qualify and enter upon the duties of their respective offices within ten days following the date of their election. If selected from the district-township at large, they shall have no vote in the proceedings of the board."

"Sec. 1802. Should a majority of votes be cast in favor of such separate organization, the board of directors of the district-township shall give similar notice of a meeting of the electors for the election of six directors. Two of these directors shall hold their office until the first annual meeting after their election, and until their successors are elected and qualified, two until the second, and two until the third annual meeting thereafter, their respective